Development of advanced technology to increase Agricultural Production

2853. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural scientists have developed some advanced technology recently to increase the agricultural production by 200 to 300 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such technology and system has been implemented in some States and Union Territories;

(d) if so, the details thereof with names of States and Union Territories and results of application of advanced technology and new system;

(e) whether Government propose to extend this technology and system in other States and Territories in future; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Agricultural Scientists are pursuing agro-climate specific research for developing technologies for enhanced productivity. The success in achieving increased productivity is variable. With improved management upto 1000 per cent yield increase have been reported.

(b) Improved management practices are specific to different regions but the main components include use of improved cultivars, improved soil and water management practices, scientific plant protections etc.

(c) and (d) Large number of farmers in various states of the country are deriving benefits by adoption of these technologies being developed by 27 State Agricultural Universities of the various States and ICAR Institutes and harvesting high yields.

(e) and (f) To extend the area, the adoption of improved technologies efforts are on to propogate through the minikit demonstrations/front line demonstrations on farmers fields.

Integrated fisheries project programme on women

2854. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places in the country, where Integrated Fisheries Project Programme for women has been established;

(b) the number of women who are engaged in the Integrated Fisheries Project annually; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to establish Integrated Fisheries Project in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No Integrated Fisheries Project has been established for women exclusively. However, the Integrated Fisheries Project at Cochin has training programme in fish processing and marketing for women at Cochin. During 1989 the project associated with Norwegian Agtncy for Development Cooperation (NORAD) for conducting two weeks' training programme for fisherwomen of Balasore in Orissa in fish processing and marketing. Since 1993-94 the project in association with Kerala Women's Development Corporation is conducting training programme for Coastal Fisherwomen of Kerala in hygienic low cost fish processing and marketing.

(b) There is no fixed annual target for the intake of women trainees at Integrated Fisheries Project since it largely depends on the sponsoring agencies.

(c) No, Sir.